



Because of
that, the coach
lost his
authority to
gather good
players...



Basically, the
school's policy
changed 14 years
ago around the
time of your
appearance at
the Koshien.



But this
agemono is
so good.

Get
after we
finish
talking. You
annoying
bastard.

How about
you too try
some before
it gets cold.
Sotogaya-san?

Chapter 137: I Started to Hate It



It looks as though you were enjoying the landscape during the







THERE'S
NO WAY
THEY
WOULD!!

WOULD
THEY TAKE
THE
INITIATIVE
TO UNDERGO
SEVERE
TRAINING
ON THEIR
OWN?!

I'm
sorry
...



Something like
that is indeed
necessary
for high
school
baseball in
the summer.



Those guys
who keep talking
about "pressure
free", have
never had to go
through any
hardship!



Without knowing
the joy of having
to overcome
hardships to
succeed, they got
this foolish idea
that compulsion
is wrong!





BEFORE
THEY FOLLOW
OUTSIDERS
WHO DON'T
KNOW
ANYTHING,
THEY
SHOULD
PROTECT
US!!

ISN'T IT
US, PEOPLE
IN THE
TRENCHES,
WHO
SUSTAIN
HIGH
SCHOOL
BASEBALL
!?



I SEE
AN E
INGU-
KAWAII
NOW.

200

BECAUSE
EVERYONE
SPOLS
THEM,
BRATS
WITH NO
FIGHTING
SPIRITS
ARE
MULTIPLY-
ING!!



BASICAL-
LY, IT'S
THE
ADULTS
WHO
CHANGED
!!

(Voice) Look up those names on the



THAT'S
RIGHT,
EXACTLY
SO!!



THE
NUMBER
OF NEETS
AND HIKI-
KOMORS
IS ALSO
THE FAULT
OF
ADULTS!!



I didn't want to resign either.



Was it really that bad? The pressure from parents...

I thought it was no use anyone when the parents committee started up.



After being annoyed with all that preaching, I just lost the motivation?

But you see...



You know, I understood how parents think the world of their children. But does that mean they get the right to interfere with their training?



You've had a lot of trouble.

True, that's pretty rough.

I don't know if they saw it on TV or read it in books, but they were full of useless knowledge and stocked me over all sorts of trivial things.

They were brainishing about half-assed factsoids about how it's more effective to have the kids do weight training inside than run in the summer heat.



Until they came back training into their bodies, there's no individuality or any other shit.

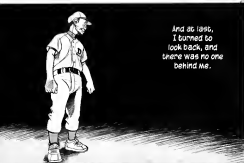
What the hell is "guidance to develop individuality"? Individuality drops out anyway after they get the basics down.

They decided from the start that my own experience was obsolete.











Aone.
I've had enough.



You have no
intention of
returning to
coaching?



One more
time, with my
own hands,
recreate the
disputed
Petal Prow.
That one—



But, if there's
a school somewhere
in the mountains,
with lots of
delinquents who
are just like
mountain apes,
I think I'd like to
start over from
scratch there.





IF I KEEP
TALKING
ANYMORE,
I'LL END
UP BAP-
MOUTHING
PAI!!



GO
HOME
!!



I also
realized
just how
lucky I am
right now.



So, I heard
something
interesting.

I'm sorry.
It wasn't
much of a
reference
...



Lucky?



There's no
need to berate
them to make
them look
forward.

At Daigaku, both
players and I are
standing on the edge
of a precipice. So
there isn't a single one
who's looking
elsewhere.



do you think
Virgin Mary's
Coach Kiryou
berates
members as
well?



Ahhh,
I see.



It's tough
to make guys
who aren't committed
serious. Especially
in a large club
with around
100 members.





HEY YOU, IF
YOU DON'T
WIN, I WON'T
ACKNOWLEDGE
YOU—!!



I DON'T
MIND
IF YOU
BEAT
THEM
BLACK
AND
BLUE!!

THAT KIND
OF
BASEBALL
ISN'T
KASUGANO
DAIEI!!

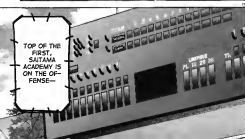




National High School Baseball Tournament, Nagano Prefecture Tournament

Chapter 10









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CLEANER
TYPESETTER
QC'ER

Cmerfb
Rog
PANA
LordLestat

LOOKING
FOR STAFF.



NICE
BUNT,
GON!

IT'S OUR
CHANCE
TO SCORE
FIRST!!



AW-
RIGHT—
ONE OUT,
RUNNER
ON
SECOND!!

**Chapter 138: Burning
Third Round Match!!**



So---Our boy is
just a little
skilled with his
hands.



Yeah---Both Ikoku-
kun who actively went
after the first pitch,
and Oel-kun who did a
perfect sacrifice bunt
were splendid.



Compared to
Ikoku-sen's
boy...



We'll make them
regret the fact
that they didn't
accept Ikoku!

What's the
big deal if
they're
Kazuo's
Dad?



**NATURALLY
PLEASE
DON'T
LUMP
THEM
TOGETHER
!!**



EH?!

Chapter 138:

Burning Third Round Match!!







Maybe he's different because he's an underclassman, but if he had the capacity to deal only with Ikeda...

You two are taking complete-

Like smack Ikeda-san on the head with all his strength.

If Ikeda looks up "Ikeda!" you will always keep to explain otherwise.

This isn't Ikeda!

Basically, when Ikeda-san is playing fake, Takashi doesn't have the skill to deliver a sharp blowdown?

Grrrr!

Yeah, something like that.

Ikeda... The outstanding lefty pitcher in this team-Memo...

Speaking of that, in the past you also said that Takashi wasn't such a great batter...





Kodou's
weapons are
a big curve
and a sharp
slider.







Critical moment is when there's a scoring chance and it's your at bat.



Yes.

You know that Delf's catcher is the type that at a critical moment likes to break the pattern and entrap the batter, right?



That's why he'll have an attack pattern designed especially for you.

If he's to hold back our lineup, then First he'll be thinking about how to seal you.



Make sure you remember that he'll break his previous pattern when it's your turn!



First, second,
and now third,
Tadaho, he started
with breaking balls
against all of these.
...The second pitch
is...





Here it
comes,
a Fastball
!!



OUT!



SHI...



HEY,
YASHIO,
YOU
TENSED
UP TOO
MUCH!!









This
distortion

The odd,
runner on
second.



Make sure you
remember that
he'll break his
previous pattern
when it's your
turn!!



He looks to
be full of
confidence







*It's a Fastball.
Aim and hit,
Takeshi!!!*





BREAK
THROUGH—
!!

GO—
!!

I'M GET-
TING HOME
!!

HE DID
IT—
!!

IT'S A
LONG
HIT!!

WE GOT
THE
FIRST
RUN—!!

IT'S
RIGHT
BETWEEN
THE LEFT
AND
CENTER—
!!





Like I thought,
no sleep
thinking there.



Good.
We got
him out.



Kidaka-san isn't
batting third,
so Takeshi's got
nothing to do
with it, right?



Because
it's too
complicated
...

Wasn't
she
punching?
The girl?
The
teacher?

So it's
done!



It's
about the
opponent's
battery.

No, I
wasn't
talking
about
Takeshi.

En?





So they're
fine as long
the players and
the coach feel
good.



EVERY-
ONE
WASTED
THE
CHANCE
THAT
NAGYA
CREATED
!

HOW
DIS-
APPOINTING!



*Not one of them
is thinking why
Takeshi swung
through the
fastball with no
hesitation.*



I'm
sorry...

IS THAT
SUFFICIENT
TO BE THE
CLEANSE IT



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BOTTOM
OF THE 1ST,
KASUGANO
DAIEI ON THE
OFFENSE.
BATTING FIRST,
CENTER,
AKIYAMA-KUN.

The 1980
summer
tournament
in my third
year in high
school...

Chapter 139: Hidaka's Mound

RR
RYA
AA
AA!!

And the
opponent in
my first game
is a
powerhouse,
Kasugano
Dai!

1

Chapter 139:

Hidaka's Mound



Isn't this
the most
awesome
setting
....?

TEAM 1 2 3 4

SAIGAKU 0 0 0 0

OPPONENT 0 0 0 0

9 10 R H E

SAIGAKU 0 0 0 0

OPPONENT 0 0 0 0

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

9 10 11 12 13 14 15

16 17 18 19 20 21 22

23 24 25 26 27 28 29

30 31 32 33 34 35 36

37 38 39 40 41 42 43



Look closely, this is how an ace pitches.



Against a go-go opponent, if Akatsuki also goes with a go-go attitude, and gets hit, we'll end up falling behind.

STRIKE HIM OUT—!!

It looks like Yashiro really got it.

If you make him feel like crap by making him feel like crap so well, what's the point?

It's essential to first confuse an opponent like this one.

Waku-waku...

Let's make him feel like crap and get him out.





*Changeup,
just like
the sign said!!*



*Yes. From
now on, I'll
ask you for
pitches
that'll make
you feel
good.*

*Waiting in
line, but
the
bottom
line.*



Kasugano Daiei High School











Given the same numbers, our chance for next year is a lefty pitcher.



ER?



No. 47 Kodou-kun also pitched at 130 km.

It seems that Kodou-kun is a pitcher used to throwing an off-speed curveball, meaning "an unexpected curveball means you'll have a hit" is a useful warning. It refers to both sports and academics.



Given your son's grades, if he enrolls here, it'll be difficult for him..

That, and I'm sorry to say this, but our school's motto is "bunbu-ryoudou".



I won't go here even if they beg me!!





If you do that, even Kasugano Daisi will say "we wish we would've picked him."

Alm Por
it...
150 km.





A
POW!T



This.



It'll be okay
if it's just one.
It's the third
better up,
and given their
team, if we
show it, he'll let
all of them know
about it.



It's to throw
their bunch
into
confusion.









Old ladies
have a pitch
that breaks
downward?



No,
there's
nothing in
the case.





IT FELL—!
THESE ARE
THE RESULTS
OF THE "LOW
ONE, PON!"
TRAINING—!!





And now,
a Real good
pitch to
wrap it up!

1-2... Are
they going to
come in low
again?!



OS
SSH
AAA
!!

THIS IS
NAOYA'S
TRUE
STRENGTH
!!

HOW
'BOUT
THAT—
!!!

'BOUT
THAT' ?



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Chapter 140: Catcher vs. Coach



Chapter 140: Catcher vs. Coach









If you let
your guard
down, you'll
be in for
some pain.



If you want
to be so kindful,
then pay
attention to
their coach.



He's a
tough one.



I heard that Nidaka-kun's mother feels animosity toward Kabogaya-san, but... She's useless like this!



In ah, she's so ecstatic.



When she's in such a good mood, it's useless to tell her anything.

If a housewife doesn't feel unhappy with her everyday life, then she won't be taken for a ride. That's what Kabogaya-san taught me in the past.



UMM... I GOT MORE ORDERS FOR THE DRINK...



What do you want?



And an even less useful guy.



You're
amazing. For
the customers
to still trust
you.



**SHUT
UP!!
MORON
!!**



*Don't you think you
should quit coaching
High school baseball
already, bowen up with
me, and start selling
again, Kobayashi-san?*



It's not
that we
don't...



Don't we
have any
means of
breaking
Kudou?

This is
the second
rotation
through the
lineup.



If you look at the matches up till now, their catcher Jojima has a habit of changing the distribution of pitches after the first rotation through the opponent's lineup.



Catcher-
er?

It's
what their
catcher is
doing.



Adjust the
count with
Fastballs, and
the deciding
pitch is a
breaking ball.



Today's
pattern
is..



That's why I gave
the instruction to hit
the Fastball before
you're cornered... But
the pitcher is better
than I thought, so
hitting has been
difficult.





We can figure it out before having to face the cleanup Takeda.

Even if it doesn't work, there's still Takeda.



Because he can bet on Ooi whether changing the pattern will work or not.

The fact that the last offense ended with Takeda is advantageous for Oogima.



That's why for Ooi, he'll definitely change the pitch distribution!!









Let's
bete it
on
another
one...

He was aiming
for a breaking
ball... I guess
we should've
continued with
Fastballs?

A
RUNNER
ON BASE
WITH NO
OUTS!!

NICE
BAT-
TING,
GOO-
SAN!



And now...
This is where
the problem
starts,
Joujiya-kun.







*It would be best to
throw to a difficult
to bunt spot and
make him bunt a fly.
But even if it rolls,
let the pitcher
catch it...*



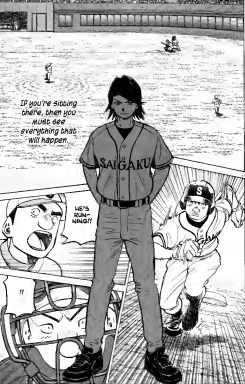
*It is truly an
exemplary
answer. It's not
wrong to think
that there'd be
a bunt here
with 100%
certainty.*

*And then, make
him bunt in front
of pitcher and
get the runner
out on second
base...*



*But there isn't
only one answer.
Try and think why
the catcher is
the only one
outside the
diamond.*

*If you're sitting
there, then you
must see
everything that
will happen.*



LET'S
RUN-
NING!!



*Your
thinking
needs
to be
greedier
than
that,
idiot.*



*Because
in a bunt
situation,
you were
thinking of
nothing but
the bunt!*

**WHY WAS
HE ABLE
TO RUN
SO
EASILY?!**





ONE OUT,
RUNNER ON
THIRD.
NOW'S THE
TIME TO
GET A HEAD
START,
TAKESHI—!!

At. In
order to
match
Kazuo's
powerful
pitching.



BATTING
FOURTH,
RIGHT,
KOMIYA-
KUN.



In the previous at-
bat, he couldn't
handle the breaking
ball. The chances
are good we can do
a double play.



They're kidding
well... If we
walk the
cleanup, then
the next one's
also a lefty...



*And again,
they're only
thinking of
circumstances
convenient to
themselves.*



*There's no doubt
that man thinks
far better than
you.*





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Chapter 141: Train, Always!



*They had
good hits in the
previous at bats,
and now we can't
even afford a fly to
the outfield... We'll
avoid the showdown
at this town!*





since he
made the
power-
house
Kasugano
Dad this
cautious.



What are you
talking about,
after he
destroyed the
opportunity
Saiga created
in the first
inning



Do your
best, Tomo-
ko---
I'm cheer-
ing for
you---



BATTING
FIFTH,
FIRST BASE,
KANAGUCHI-
KUN.





First
and third
are a little
forward...



There's
no doubt,
they're aiming
for a double
play!

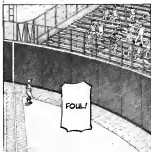
Second and
shortstop are
defending
mid-range. The
outfielders are
in their set
positions.



Certainly,
Kawaguchi is a
lefty. The catcher
can see the runner
on third clearly, and
when it's lefty vs
lefty, the pitcher
has the advantage.
But will it go the
way he expects...?

That thought,
he figured out that
in that situation there
would never be
a squeeze play
for a full of
confidence.







I hit it with the tip of the bat, but the hit was solid. It'll be alright, I can send it upward.



Because I'm the older, they went back to the original pitch pattern.

The second pitch will be fastball after all.



STRIKE!!



Curve!



They'll probably not throw what I'd like them to...

1-2... The deciding pitch is next.













It
swings faster
for the
baseball...
Good, then
let's show him
a breaking
ball now.



Even
though
I know
they'd
see for
a strike
with a
fastball...

It's
Shit!

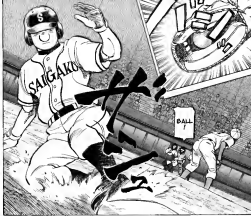


If you
think you
can, do it.



Good job, Takumi.
He really got it.
Right now, the
batter isn't thinking
of anything but
the ball.
If we're to repeat
a surprise attack,
the time is now.





I'm
ignoring
curves.

The pitch
just now
was a
curve.



NICE RUN.
MY
TAKESHI'S
LEGS ARE
FIRST
CLASS AS
WELL!!



How long
are you
going to be
picking
your nose?



That is
a curve
ball!

STRIKE
!!



Bravely... The
captain who's
always so
tense had the
courage to get
confronted on
purpose...?



He bravely
threw it
away.



Why did he
ignore it so
obviously? It
wasn't a pitch
that he
couldn't do
anything
about?



There were two
curves in a
row... They want
to make you think
the deciding
pitch will be a
Fastball...



ARE
YOU
IGNOR-
ING
ME!!











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Chapter 142: The Counterattack Begins!?

*Not only
did they score
two runs off us,
but even our entire
batting lineup
has been shot down
up till now.*





I CAN'T STAND A LOWER LEVEL SCHOOL LOOKING DOWN ON US ANYMORE !!



Nissan is doing well today.



One option is not to get hasty here and watch the pitches closely, but...



CREATE AN OPENING!!

PLEASE, AKIYAMA !!



PLEASE LEAVE THIS TO ME, COACH! I'LL BE SURE TO GET ON BASE!!











"Wait"...

If they're going to win this match, then the instruction that should be given here is...

If they want to break Kikaku, who's been holding them back perfectly up till now, then a standard tactic would be to increase his pitch count and to gather data on him.



**SWING
AS
HARD
AS
YOU
CAN!!**

Therefore, there'll still be a third and a fourth rotation.



Even if everyone worked out in order in the second rotation through the lineup, since the ace Kikaku is pitching, the game won't end in a called foul.



*Coach
Kumagaya
would surely
give a sober
instruction
like that.*





NICE
BAP-
TING,
SABU-
HARU!

IT WENT
THROUGH
IT



GOOR, IT
STARTS
NOW!



Is
Kikoku-san
okay? He's
not going to
lose his
cool?



Ugh!!
THEY FINALLY
HIT... EVEN
THOUGH IT HAD
BEEN PER-
FECT...



Uh, well,
the hit
just
now...

What's
that
about?



Don't mind it,
just keep
going.
Hitokiri-san.



You're in
the way
here, so go
back
already.

It's just the
first rotation, I'm
after an injury,
and we're playing
against Dale. I
wouldn't get that
carried away.



Did you
think I was
asking for
a perfect
game?

Uh,
well...

You
won't be?

Their players
and the coach,
all just want to
feel good about
themselves.

Got it! The
Daini lineup
wakes up
through this
opportunity

It doesn't
look like
Kame's
anything to
worry about.

No need
to worry
about that
either.

Don't do anything
that might be
misinterpreted
again. This isn't a
hostess bar.

This
feeling
good
part...

Enma?
??

A hostess isn't
Koro-sensei,
so you've been
to place like
that—



NICE
BUNT!
OUR
CHANCES
ARE
MULTIPLY-
ING!

Don't give
them an
easy out
like that!

Ugh...
A bunt on
the first
pitch...



At least
have them
put the
bat in on
the first
pitch.

Aren't
there other
options? Like
a bastard
bunt, hit and
run, steal?







A
Pork-
ball!!!



I will swish
that winning
shot of his!

He's only pitched
a single Pork so far,
but in this situation,
in order to strike me,
the cleanup, out,
he'll throw it
for sure.



*Come! I'll let
you feel the
power of
Kasugano
Daiei's
cleanup!!*



PITCH IT
WELL,
NAO-
CHAN!!
YOUR MOM
BELIEVES
IN YOU!!



THERE'S
NO WAY
MY BOY
WILL GET
HIT!!



UNAAAH,
IT'S A
PINCH...
PLEASE,
LORD...





Pitch
that
won't
come?



That
breathing
room is his
waiting for
a pitch that
won't come.

That cleanup
is cornered,
and yet he's
calm, as if he
has breathing
room.



Yeah,
no one's
probably
noticed.





THERE
IS NO
FORK—!!









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Chapter 143: Feelings That Won't Reach



HE
DOESN'T
HAVE
A FORK,
YOU
IDIOTS!!

AREN'T
YOU
LISTEN-
ING TO
WHAT
I'M
SAYING
!!?



LET GO OF ME,
YOU BASTARDS!!



DON'T
GET IN
MY
WAY—
!!

PLEASE
STOP
THAT
KIND
OF
JEEZING!

OR WE'LL
HAVE TO
KICK
YOU FROM
THE
PARK!



It's
Daiji's
former
coach.

Is he drunk?
There's no way
they'd listen to
a geezer like
that.

How
true, it's
Koma-
gata-
dani!





CLEAR
YOUR
MINPS!!



WHAT ARE
YOU DOING?
WE'RE
CHANGING
SIDES, TAKE
YOUR
DEFENSE
POSITIONS!!



If
Kinsugaya-
san says
something,
obviously
everyone
would get
concerned.

That is hard...
I'd really like if
someone who's
not here in the
branches would
stop saying
irresponsible
things.







But there's
no doubt that
he pitched
one.



HE
DOESN'T
HAVE A
FORK!!

HEY YOU,
HURRY UP
AND TELL
THE
BENCH!!

Go come
back...



IF THEY
DIDN'T
PITCH IT
THEN,
THAT
MEANS
THEY
DON'T
HAVE IT!!

WHEN
THEY WERE
FACING THE
CLEANER
WHEN THEY
NEEDED A
STRIKEOUT
NO MATTER
WHAT, THEY
DIDN'T USE
IT!!



DON'T
YOU GET IT
YET, IT
WAS THEIR
TRICK!!
IT WAS
TO MAKE
US THINK
THEY HAVE
ONE, TO
CONFUSE
US!!



I know it's
Forbidden!!
Even then,
isn't it your
job to still do
something!?

That's
—



Even if it's
true, we can't
convey that.
We've just been
warned.



That's
for-
bidden
as
well.

Even if
you can't
use your
voice,
pass a
note?



IT WON'T
CONNECT!!
THERE'S
NO SIGNAL
IN THE
PUGOUT!!
AND IF WE
COMMIT A
VIOLATION,
WE'LL BE
PENALIZED!!



I'LL TELL
HIM
DIRECTLY
LEAVE ME
YOUR CELL
PHONE!!

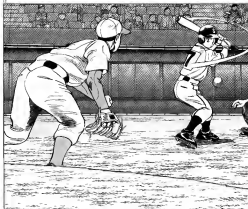
GEEZ,
WHAT A
PAIN IN
THE
ASS—!!

















Right.
Even if it's
a strikeout,
the Raiders
have to
move a lot
unnecessarily.



Then, if the ball
rolls, it's okay,
but if not...

True, having to
run every time
the batter gets
into a bunting
stance is hard.



Ken.



AREN'T
WE
TALKING
ABOUT
KUPQUIT?



But
it's true,
isn't it?



So then what?
Only
Kusaka-san
feels good
about a
strikeout?

HAHAH
—?





Kudou is the best pitcher in this tournament. He can't be hit that easily. Therefore, the best strategy is to do what they don't like as much as possible, and give them a job.



Bunts are good, bastard bunts too, and escaping by fighting off a pitch is good as well. Until we're cornered, we'll try all sorts of things.



BALL!





*If you do all
that, then in
the end even
a screwdriver
has a lot of
value.*



SHIT?



*If you're
gonna
do it,
then do it
already.*



A beow.
That does what
the opponent
wishes regardless
of what they look
like, and a beow
that only tries to
make themselves
feel good.

That's the
difference
between
the
current
Gangaku
and
Kadogoro
Pain.









Our lineup's just getting started as well.

We don't have to worry with a pitcher of Kido's caliber.



But for a batter you can allow to sit and still take them out, if you go for a strikeouts, aren't you just increasing the pitch count?

You should go for the strikeouts when it counts.



I sincerely hope it is so...



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Top of the 6th,
no outs,
no runners...
This is a good time
to hit as hard as
you can aiming for
a long one.



BATTING
FOURTH,
RIGHT,
OOMIYA-
KUN



Rationally, Go
Face to Face
against the
pitiful Kodos
as well.

Chapter 144: Homer With a Bang



If we
hit a
home run
now...



In a
sense,
this
moment
is the
chance



THIS IS
WHERE
YOU HAVE
THE
LEAPING
PART!!
HIT IT BIG,
TAKESHI!!
—!!

With Kage's
performance
today, two
runs are
sufficient.



Chapter 144: **Homer With a Bang**





Now's
the time
to go.

Even
if



If you goad him
like this, you
might make him
nervous.
Takeshi is naive
enough as it is
already...

DON'T
HOLD
BACK,
LET A
HOMER,
TAKESHI...
!!



Right,
Hato-
gaki-
san?



Anyone can see this
is a serious fight
between the cleanup
and the ace. Good
him to set his mind on
nothing but the fight,
so he doesn't think
about anything
unnecessary!



*But I won't
make the
same
mistake
again!*



*At my first
at bat, he
came with a
fastball like
I aimed for,
but I couldn't
score... That
was my missed
shot!*



*But
naturally,
he's
thinking
about it
too.*

*For a guy who
looks so eager,
it's best to
wait a breaking
ball to
destroy his
determination
to hit.*



We'll quickly
smash him out
with Fastballs
here, and show
him the
difference in
our strength!



First and
foremost,
Rouge won't
accept a
breaking ball
here.



First,
smash
him with a
Fastball from
the chest and
break his
nose.



As
expected,
Joujima
gets it.

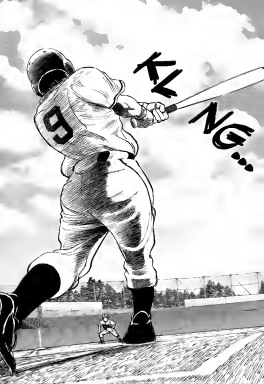


*And afterward, attack
him inside and outside!
Make him think that
we'll throw to the
outside at some point,
but make the last one
inside all well, so he
strains and misses. This
setup will be perfect!*



*Geh!
Weak!!*







A black and white illustration of a baseball stadium. In the background, there are several flagpoles with flags flying against a cloudy sky. In the foreground, a scoreboard is visible, showing the progress of a game between two teams, A and B, across ten innings. The scoreboard also tracks Runs (R), Hits (H), and Errors (E).

TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	R	H	E
A	0	0	0	2	0						2	3	0
B	1	0	0	1	0						0	2	0







THIS IS MY
TAKESHI'S
TRUE
STRENGTH
!!

DID
YOU
SEE
—!!
?

If he
wanted to hit,
then he should
at least hit
when there's a
chance to score
more, not just
easy setup.



Amo-
zing...

I've never
seen
a home run
like that
before.



Me
too...



It's
a first
time for
me as
well...



*I don't feel
any remaining
sensation from its
impact... Things
like this really
happen...*

*The ball
looked like it
stopped...*

*I can't
believe
how
good it
feels.*

*It was
perfect.*









IF YOU MAKE
SOMEONE
BELIEVE
THEY CAN DO
SOMETHING
WITHOUT
THE REAL
STRENGTH TO
ACCOMPANY IT,
WHAT IS IT
IF NOT
BRAINWASHING
IT?

WASN'T
IT YOU
PEOPLE
??



Kasugano Dairi
is now bitterly
regretting that
they didn't
recruit Kasagi!



HOW'S
THAT? THIS
IS THE REAL
STRENGTH
OF MY
NAGYAN!









IT'LL BE
ANOTHER
EASY
VICTORY
—!!



Zuker?



Err,
it'll be
perfectoral
Zuker
high.



Being old is
the only merit of
that prefectoral
school!



What is he
saying...? Our dear
mother, with
its proud
tradition of
100 years...



No, no, it's
true that
we're old,
and the coach
in charge is
a gentler in
his 70s.



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Chapter 145: Another Mountain



It looks like things won't go the way you wish.

Before we knew, it's the 8th already.



It's
written
all over
your face.



You
want them
to lose,
right?

I TOLD
YOU, I
DON'T
REALLY
WANT
SAI-
GAKU—



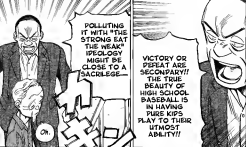
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again?

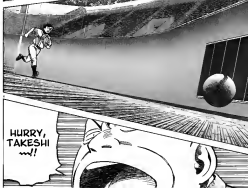
"EAT"?
AREN'T THESE
IMPUDENT
WOPPS IN
REFERENCE TO
THE SACRED
HIGH SCHOOL
BASEBALL??"



Dadai wasn't
seeded this
year. If you're
going to eat
someone,
it might as well
be the third
seed—

Sorry about it,
but I wish
Seigaku
would win.













Winning
is more
important.



ENT

It's fine.
I'll give it to
them, just
one run.



Indeed...



I don't want to end
up like Shintochin
the other day, who
begged us even
one run and ended up
giving away a ton. I'd
rather give them a
run and earn an out
that way.



That's true.
Let's not
defend here
hopelessly, and
just give them
the run.



All right!
Even if they do
a squeeze bunt,
we'll get an out
at first base
for sure!







They
already know
what they
need to do
themselves!

If they
wanted me
to tell them
something,
they'd show it.
Not not a single
one of them
looked this way.



If I show
any signs of
being bothered
here, I'd only
destroy the
wood.



True, no
one looked
for any
help from
us...



Like
that
guy...



I should let them see how they want and get a sacrifice fly... But both the blind and the fourth batters are being utterly sealed today.

It's the 5th inning already... If we don't score here, the game won't come back to our best batters again.



I want to believe in you very much, but we'll go with my judgment here!



First, one run.

Getting three runs so early might be out of the question, but even if two run difference we'll have a chance!



WHAT'S
STEADY ABOUT
IT!?



IF YOU KEEP
SAYING THAT YOU
TRUST YOUR
PLAYERS ALL THE
TIME, THEN
WHAT'S THE POINT
OF NOT LEAVING
IT TO THEM
NOW!?



Makes
sense,
right? Get
one run here
first of all.

...Don't
tell me, a
dequate
play...?

This's a
pretty
steady
leadership
from
KANSAS.



YOU PUMB
ASS!! EVEN
WHEN SCORING
A RUN, THERE
ARE DIFFERENT
WAYS TO GO
ABOUT IT!!



PLEASE
STOP.
THEY'LL
GET
MAD AT
YOU
AGAIN!!







WHY
ARE YOU
LETTING
THEM
DO IT
SO
EASILY
IT?

AAAA—
THEY
TOOK
BACK A
RUN—!!



TWO
MORE
RUNS,
YOU
CAN
DO
IT, YOU
CAN
DO
IT!!

THE
COUNTER
ATTACK
BEGINS
—!!



Good.
First,
one run.





Didn't we
just lose a run
because you
wouldn't tell
them
anything—?

What's
up— Your
sister's
creeping
me out—



IT'S ONLY ONE
OUT, AND THERE'S
STILL THE
BOTTOM OF THE
9TH. THERE MIGHT
STILL BE A
MOUNTAIN OR
TWO OUT THERE!



Yeah—I
thought we
had another
mountain in
front.



EVERYTHING
YOU'VE
PONE UP
TELL NOW,
BRING IT ALL
OUT—!!

SO, IT
STARTS
NOW!





When they talk
about the runs
you should give
away, this is
what they're
talking about,
Moro.



It's
over...



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EVERYTHING
YOU'VE
PONE UP
TELL NOW,
BRING IT ALL
OUT—!!

SO, IT
STARTS
NOW!





Chapter 146: Game Set!

YEAHHH!

GAME
SET!!

STRIKE
OUT!!

Chapter 146: Game Set!









CAN WE
TALK IN
PRIVATE
...?

KUMA-
GAYA-
SAN,
PLEASE
WAIT!



The final
pitch will
be today's
fastball...
he's in good
shape, that
shocks.



If they
keep winning
like this,
they'll run
into our
Vigil
Marty...
If that
happens...

The
strength
of Seigaku
this year
might be
the real
deal...

So that
I can
get back
in the
disposal!

I have to
collect data
properly
so the coach
acknowledges
me.



The
coach
will
probably
be
happy.







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How come the treatment is this different?

Daigaku Professor's an. an. pitchers

大栄惜敗
影學日高好投

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大栄惜敗
影學日高好投



Signal!
Koo- chan!



A kid that only pitched one inning is more important than you, who pitched to victory through the whole game? I can't forgive this newspaper...





Dear,
your food
is getting cold.

It wasn't
a dream,
we really
were
spaced
out...

Good...
What are
you grinning
about? It's
creaky...



It was like
a dream... Even
though I didn't
have any
sensation of
hitting, it flew
so far... First
time I had a home
run like that.



This guy's
been spacing
out all this
time as well.



THE
PRELIMINARIES
HAVE JUST
STARTED!!
DON'T LOSE
FOCUS—!!

Oh, they drop



We're
losing
focus...



Today's
practice
is
cancelled
...



Private Academy High School



Basically, Zulu is a team
that fully uses all of
its 20 members in
the dugout.



No, their baseball itself is extremely orthodox. If they get runners on base, they concentrate on advancing them.



They're the Foremost veteran in the prefecture, but their strategy is very similar to Juumalukan that's been on the way up...



But...



Yes. In almost every match they have at five of them pitch.

FIVE PITCHERS?
!?



HOGE!!



Just with that, whichever one we zero in on...



Ah.



Wh-What's that for?

Didn't I tell you, even if there are multiple pitchers, there's only one real catcher.



This team as well has one real catcher. With five pitchers, his personality comes through even more clearly.



The pattern of his leads is according to the data.



Not to mention in high school. In the end, he'll be tripped by the pattern that he prefers.

There aren't that many catchers who can lead by bringing out the peculiarities of every pitcher even in the world of the pros.



So feeling good isn't limited to pitches, it's what everyone decides for themselves.



For the final pitch, no matter which pitcher it is, he asks for a low and away Fastball.

It's the deciding pitch that makes him feel the best.



The next one's in the bag too—



Okay, I see it!









Yes... But
wasn't that
plan halted
all of
a sudden...?



Do you know
there was a plan
to build a giant
shopping mall on
the site of
a demolished factory
outside the city?



The reason for that
halt hadn't been
made public, but it
seems that harmful
pollutants were
discovered in the
soil there.



Incidentally,
the landowner
concealed that and
tried to sell the
land anyway...



Harmful
pollutants
it?



Don't
tell
me...



The parent
company of
the Saitama
Academy school
corporation.

Yes, the
owner of
that land is
Aganokuni
Group





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